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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination filed 9/2/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-7 and 9-23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence Ashery on 11/7/08.

The claims are to be amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data use management system comprising at least one receiving apparatus connected to a network and capable of receiving and using predetermined data, and a transmitting apparatus which transmits the data to said receiving apparatus via said network,

wherein use of the data on said network is managed on the basis of a transmitting time for transmission of predetermined information between said transmitting apparatus and said receiving apparatus,

wherein said transmitting apparatus has:

transmission time measuring means of measuring the transmission time for transmission of the predetermined information for measurement between said transmitting apparatus and said receiving apparatus;

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reference time storage means of storing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of reference times;

transmitting-side authentication means of comparing the transmission time and the ~~one~~ plurality of reference times, thereby determining to which one of ranges of transmission time classified on the basis of the reference times the transmission time belongs, determining, on the basis of the result of said determination, whether or not said receiving apparatus having the transmission time is permitted to use the predetermined data, and performing authentication if said receiving apparatus is permitted to use the predetermined data; and

authentication count means of incrementing an authentication count which is a number of instances of authentication performed by said transmitting-side authentication means,

wherein said receiving apparatus has receiving-side authentication means of performing authentication with said transmitting-side authentication means, and wherein said transmitting apparatus compares the authentication count with a maximum authentication count determined in advance with respect to each of the ranges of transmission time, and inhibits further authentication if the authentication count is larger than the maximum authentication count;

wherein said transmitting-side authentication means sets the maximum authentication count to a smaller value based on a result of said classification of the plurality of ranges so that a class with greater transmission time is set to the smaller value of the maximum authentication count.

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3. (Currently Amended) A transmitting apparatus having a management function for enabling at least one receiving apparatus connected to a network and configured to receive and use data via said network, said transmitting apparatus comprising:

transmission time measuring means of measuring the transmission time for transmission of predetermined information between said transmitting apparatus and said receiving apparatus;

reference time storage means of storing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of reference times;

transmitting-side authentication means of comparing the measured transmission time and the ~~at least one~~ plurality of reference times to determine to which one of a plurality of ranges the transmission time belongs, the plurality of ranges being classified based on the ~~at least one~~ plurality of reference times, and of determining, based on which one of the plurality of ranges the measured transmission time belongs, whether or not said receiving apparatus having the corresponding measured transmission time is permitted to use the data, and performing authentication if said receiving apparatus is permitted to use the data;

authentication count means of incrementing an authentication count which is a number of instances of authentication performed by said transmitting-side authentication means; and

a management function of comparing the incremented authentication count with a maximum authentication count determined in advance with respect to each of the plurality of ranges, and inhibiting further authentication if the incremented authentication count is larger than the maximum authentication count;

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wherein said transmitting-side authentication means sets the maximum authentication count to a smaller value based on a result of said classification of the plurality of ranges so that a class with greater transmission time is set to the smaller value of the maximum authentication count.

21. (Currently Amended) A data use management method, comprising steps of:

when transmitting data via a network from a transmitting apparatus to at least one receiving apparatus connected to the network and capable of receiving and using the data, permitting access to the data by the at least one receiving apparatus via the network based on a transmitting time for transmission of predetermined information between the transmitting apparatus and said receiving apparatus exceeding one value,

measuring the transmission time for transmission of the predetermined information between said transmitting apparatus and said receiving apparatus,

comparing the measured transmission time and ~~at least one~~ a plurality of reference times to determine to which one of a plurality of ranges the transmission time belongs, the plurality of ranges being classified based on the ~~at least one~~ plurality of reference times, and determining, based on which one of the plurality of ranges the measured transmission time belongs, whether or not said receiving apparatus having the corresponding measured transmission time is permitted to use the data,

performing authentication if said receiving apparatus is permitted to use the data,

incrementing the authentication count which is a number of instances of authentication performed,

comparing the increased authentication count with a maximum authentication count determined in advance with respect to each of the plurality of ranges, and

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inhibiting further authentication if the incremented authentication count is larger than the maximum authentication count, and

setting the maximum authentication count to a smaller value based on a result of said classification of the plurality of ranges in the authentication so that a class with greater transmission time is set to the smaller value of the maximum authentication count.

23. (Currently Amended) A recording medium having the program stored thereon and configured to be processed using a computer, the program executing the method including

measuring the transmission time for transmission of predetermined information between a transmitting apparatus and a receiving apparatus;

storing ~~at least one~~ a plurality of reference times;

comparing the measured transmission time and the ~~at least one~~ reference times to determine to which one of a plurality of ranges the transmission time belongs, the plurality of ranges being classified based on the ~~at least one~~ plurality of reference times;

determining, based on which one of the plurality of ranges the measured transmission time belongs, whether or not said receiving apparatus having the corresponding measured transmission time is permitted to use the data;

performing authentication if said receiving apparatus is permitted to use the data;

incrementing an authentication count which is a number of instances of authentication performed;

comparing the incremented authentication count with a maximum authentication count determined in advance with respect to each of the plurality of ranges; and

inhibiting further authentication if the incremented authentication count is larger than the maximum authentication count;

setting the maximum authentication count to a smaller value based on a result of said classification of the plurality of ranges in the authentication so that a class with greater transmission time is set to the smaller value of the maximum authentication count.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record cited in the previous rejections, and the Dresel reference in particular, disclosed the ability to store exactly one reference time, in order to define a plurality of exactly two ranges, said ranges determining how the authentication process may or may not proceed. Specifically, if the transmission time of a message were to fall below the threshold defined by Dresel, then authentication may be performed (subject to the maximum authentication count imposed by the Conte reference); whereas if the transmission time of a message were to exceed said threshold, then authentication is not permitted (i.e. implicitly establishing a maximum authentication count of zero for traffic in this range, which is by definition smaller than the non-zero limit used in the first range). However, the instant specification supports embodiments of the instant

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invention wherein two or more reference times may exist (e.g. Figure 6, and pages 33-35), defining a plurality of three or more ranges, each with their own authentication conditions. The prior art of record does not disclose, nor would reasonably suggest, establishing a **plurality** of reference limits and ranges in this fashion; nor was the Examiner able to find other prior art that would teach or suggest this limitation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

3. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 9/2/08 has been entered.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Gyorfi whose telephone number is (571)272-3849. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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